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SUBJECT: SENATE REPORT ON MOVE OF MARINES

SUMMARY: OKINAWAN PRESS GAVE TOP COVERAGE TO SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT URGING EXAMINATION OF MOVING THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION FROM HERE TO GUAM. END SUMMARY.

1. THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT URGING EXAMINATION OF TRANSFERRING THE MARINES FROM OKINAWA TO GUAM BECAUSE OF

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POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS HERE ON THEIR DEPLOYMENT IN PURSUIT OF U.S. INTERESTS BECAME, OF COURSE, THE HEADLINE STORY IN THE OKINAWAN PRESS MAY 21 AND 22. STORIES WERE BASICALLY FACTUAL, ALTHOUGH THEY DREW ON CONSERVATIVE AND, ESPECIALLY, LEFTIST COMMENT IN TOKYO. THE OKINAWA TIMES EDITORIAL MAY 22 TOOK THE OCCASION TO COMPLAIN THAT, CONTRARY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE'S VIEW, THE PRIOR CONSULTATION PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITY TREATY ARE NOT REPEAT NOT ANY OBSTACLE FOR MARINE DEPLOYMENTS FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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OKINAWA, AND THUS U.S. (BUT NOT JAPANESE) INTERESTS ARE WELL

SERVED.

2. THE PRESS ALSO CARRIED SOCIALIST DIETMEMBER UEHARA'S QUESTIONING OF FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA IN THE DIET ON WHETHER THE U.S. VIOLATED ITS OBLIGATION TO CONSULT THE GOJ BEFORE SENDING MARINES OUT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE RESCUE OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ. THE ARTICLES NOTED MIYAZAWA'S REPLY THAT THE MARINES WERE ACTUALLY DEPLOYED INTO THE COMBAT SITUATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, NOT DIRECTLY FROM JAPAN, AND THUS PRIOR CONSULTATION WAS NOT NECESSARY.

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